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July 8, 2008

Wilfred Whatoname, Sr.
Chairman, Hualapai Tribe
P.O. Box 179
Peach Springs, Arizona 86434

Re: Approval of Request for Emergency Groundwater Transfer

Dear Chairman Whatoname:

I am responding to your letter to me dated July 7, 2008 requesting approval of an emergency groundwater transfer from the Meadview groundwater basin to Grand Canyon West on the Hualapai Reservation in the Peach Springs groundwater basin. Your letter states that the pipeline serving groundwater to Grand Canyon West from the Peach Springs basin ruptured and, as a result, a 220,000 gallon water tank was drained. You state that the pipeline has been repaired and the tank is re-filling, but it is necessary to haul groundwater to the area from the Meadview basin for a period of seven days to meet the water needs of staff and tourists at Grand Canyon West, as well as livestock on the premises.

I have determined that your request for an emergency groundwater transfer meets all applicable criteria set forth in Laws 2008, Ch. 88, § 1(B). Therefore, I hereby approve your request, subject to the following conditions:

1. The groundwater may be transported only by motor vehicle from Joshua Valley Water Company in Meadview to Grand Canyon West for the uses described in your letter.
2. The amount of groundwater that may be transported shall not exceed 16,000 gallons per day.
3. This approval is valid only through Sunday, July 13, 2008. No groundwater shall be transported after that date unless approved in writing by the director of water resources.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Herbert R. Guenther".

Herbert R. Guenther
Director